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## HAVE A QUESTION? WE'LL ANSWER IT

**Is it sinful to have one's handwriting analyzed?**

No. The purpose behind analyzing handwriting is to determine some characteristics, dispositions, qualities, habits, etc., of an individual. The extent to which such an analysis gives factual information is debated and disputed. If, of course, anyone thinks that he is delving into the spiritual by the analysis of handwriting, or should, by some stretch of imagination think that such a practice were a means of fortune telling and the like, the intention would be sinful.

**Why does the Church honor corpses or the remains of the dead?**

Because these remains were once temples of God and will one day rise to a blessed immortality.

**Why are there so many sinners in the Catholic Church?**

There are no more sinners among the Catholics than there are among other denominations. Christ foresaw this and therefore compared His church to a field where there is wheat and weeds.

**Can a priest reconcile a sinner with God?**

If the sinner has faith, contrition and receives the sacraments, the priest can reconcile him with God.

**With all the talk about Mercy Killing, I would like to know the attitude of the Church on it.**

The church has not only the one attitude on this question, but a very definite doctrine, and it is this: Mercy killing (so called) is direct murder and is never allowed for any reason under the sun. The combination of words "mercy killing" does not even make sense. If a thing is "mercy," it certainly is not "killing," and if it is killing, it is not mercy. Seeing the contradiction in the terms, others call it "euthanasia," which comes from two Greek words "eu," meaning "good" and "thanatos," meaning "death." So when the Greeks used the word they meant that someone died a good or happy death. The more proper definition of mercy killing or euthanasia would be: suicide aided and abetted by a murderer. No one in the world has any power or right to take away the life of an innocent person. God

alone is the giver and taker of life and no one is allowed to usurp the place and right of God.

**Why are there no divorces in the Catholic Church?**

Because Jesus forbade them. In Mathew 19 Jesus said: "What, therefore, God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." They said to Him: "Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorce?" Jesus said to them: "Because Moses by reason of hardness of your heart permitted you to put away your wives. But from the beginning it was not so. and I say to you that whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery. And he that shall marry her that is put away, committeth adultery." And St. Paul says, 1 Cor. 7, 10, 11: "But to them that are married, not I, but the Lord commandeth that the wife depart not from her husband, and if she depart, that she remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband. For the woman that hath a husband, whilst her husband liveth, is bound to the law. But if her husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. Therefore, whilst her husband liveth, she shall be called an adulteress, if she be with another man." As the rights of husband and wife are alike, the same law holds for the husband, too.

**Why do we have Lent?**

Lent is a time of fasting. We fast because Jesus fasted; because Jesus told us to fast; because St. Paul fasted; because the apostles fasted; because sins are forgiven through fasting; because all good people in the old and new Testament fasted; because fasting subdues passions; because fasting and temperance prolong life.

**How can the eating of meat be a sin?**

It's not the eating of meat that is a sin; it's the breaking of a law that the Church imposes that is sinful.

**What do lights on the altar signify?**

They are a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. They remind us of charity which should always burn in our hearts. They remind us also of the early Christians who had to offer the sacrifice in the dark catacombs.



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# ЮНАЦТВО YOUTH

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## Приклад Любови до Свого Народу

Та не однаково мені,  
Як Україну злії люди  
Присплять, лукаві, і в огні  
Її окрадену збудять —  
Ох, не однаково мені.

(“Мені однаково”).

Любіть її . . . во время люте,  
В останню тяжку минуту  
За неї Господа моліть!

(“Чи ми ще зійдемося знову”).

“Як хто знає, так кохає.” — Простенька, многозначуча пословиця. Щоб любити річ, треба скорше її пізнати. Пізнання родить цінення, цінення родить любов.

Так є і з любовю до свого народу. Любити його може тільки той, хто його пізнав і цінить. Нема любови народу там, де нема знання його минувшини й сучасности, його мови, звичаїв, культури, життя.

За взір досконалої любови народу служить нам Тарас Шевченко. Він жив в добі великого поневолення українського народу. Простий нарід був у ярмі кріпацтва, а більше освічена верства приставала до московщини або до Польщі. Рідну мову чути було тільки між простолюддям. Словом, іскра любови до свого народу погасла була. Ворожа мрака сильно придавила все народне почуття. Треба було великої сили, великого огню, щоб її зрушити та осунути.

Це саме зробив незабутній Шевченко. Своім блискучим таланом, великою освітою, горячою любовю, гіркими терпіннями, потягаючим прикладом і мов грім могутим словом він розбудив і розрухав свій край, своїх земляків, своїх братів. Він оживив їх, вляв у них любов до рідного, вивів їх на дорогу свідомости і відродження.

Любов його зділала те все. Любов і привязання до рідної мови, культури, звичаїв стала причиною написання стільки творів, що повік будуть захоплювати всіх. Ціле його життя — це життя для України, для слави її народу.

Цей приклад Шевченка повинен стояти все перед очима всіх, а головне нас молодих. І ми можемо і маємо обов'язок жити рідним українським життям. Цього вимагає від нас наші нарід і Бог.

Тож заявимо, що ми не сліпі на цей обов'язок. Докажемо цього буде те, що ми в щоденнім житті будемо уживати рідної мови, заховувати народні звичаї і всі праці спрямовувати до поліпшення нашої долі.

## Lent -- Our Souls' Time

Lent is the time to look at ourselves and see what we look like to God. Look at our soul, just as if we could take it in our hands. It was made white and clean at Baptism, but sin soiled it. This is the time to remove these marks of dirt, these blotches of sin.

Does our mother sweep the house every day? Or do we do it for her? The cleanest house is the one that is swept the most often. Every house is swept and dusted each day. And yet, during the spring time there is a general house cleaning. The pictures come down from the walls, the rugs are taken out to be beaten by some husky boy and the pantry is emptied of all dishes and the shelves are scrubbed. Even the cellar must be cleaned. We all take a hand in this and do some work until the house is cleaned from top to bottom. Then how nice and neat everything looks — what a difference it has made!

Lent is the time for soul-cleaning. We are told to hate the dirt that marks our beautiful souls and to scrub it off by penance. Penance is the cure for sin. It destroys sin. Look at ourselves as we should be and as God sees us. By penance let us start the work of cleaning our little houses, our souls.

Besides observing the regular rules of Lent, we should see to it that we make some voluntary sacrifice as a special token of our love for God and our sorrow for our sins. We should keep away, for instance, from things that bring us pleasure, e.g. smoking, drinking, eating sweets, favorite reading, movies, dates, bad habits, etc. It will be hard to give up any of these just as it is hard to do our ordinary house cleaning. But it is good for us. Thus we show God that we love Him and our souls, that we want to do what is right, that we want to please Him and not ourselves. During Lent we must be more obedient than ever. We have to make up for all our faults in this regard, e.g. talking back, being angry, being dissatisfied with our parents' commands.

And not only this. We should do more spiritual good deeds: go to Mass more often, attend the Way of the Cross devotions at our church or recite them at home, say more prayers both mornings and evenings, read some good spiritual book.

If we do all this, or at least part of it, then on Good Friday we will come to kiss the cross and we will be able to say to Jesus: "We've done penance and tried to overcome sin." And on Easter we will gather all our good deeds and Masses like fragrant roses and will offer them to our Risen Saviour, showing Him our white, pure, and beautifully decorated souls — His temples. And He will come to us and stay with us and bless us.

Let us not forget this during Lent.



## POPE PIUS OFFERS HOLY YEAR CHALLENGE TO YOUTH — BE SURE

His Holiness Pope Pius XII has proclaimed this a Holy Year to make mankind more conscious of the Creator in the daily all-important business of saving their souls and spreading His kingdom on earth. We each have an individual obligation to make our contribution to bettering ourselves and the world at large by fervent prayers, good works, and spontaneous acts of penance during this period. The Holy Father recommends the following special intentions for the Holy Year:

- 1) Prayer and penance for a universal return to Christ.
- 2) Fidelity towards the Church due to her as of divine institution; fidelity with firmness and practical will; defence of the rights of the Church against all enemies.
- 3) Enlightenment for all who do not possess the Catholic truth, for all who have lost it, for the enemies of God.
- 4) Peace on earth, especially in the Holy Land.
- 5) That hatred and enmities may cease among the nations; that justice and concord may gain ground.
- 6) Support for all men as is due to human beings — rights of labor, obligations of the rich.
- 7) Peace of heart for individual men, for families, for nations, among the nations.
  - a) Fortitude of the martyrs in the midst of persecution.
  - b) Return to their home countries for the peoples expelled.
  - c) Spiritual consolation for the suffering.
  - d) Purity and Modesty for youth.
  - e) Perfection in good example for old age.
  - f) All heavenly grace as a pledge of eternal happiness.

### POPE LOOKS TO YOU

How significant that the Holy Father should call upon youth to tender its unquenchable vigor in solving "the burning questions of the hour"!

Youth holds the power in the preservation of a sound social order. Unremittingly, Pope Pius XII has expressed himself in these cogent words: "Youth must believe in order to preserve God and Christian principles . . . and in order to work for social peace and the economic welfare of the country."

### ZEAL OF YOUTH

A re-dedication of youth to its exalted task of restoring all things in Christ is most opportune during this Catholic Youth month of the Holy Year. The apostolate of youth finds forceful expression in a recent statement by the Archbishop of Poland:

"Youthful souls will be easily kindled with apostolic zeal toward their colleagues. Let youth foster apostleship in itself. Let it profess Christ courageously, let it propagate love toward the Son of Man, let it show

the beauty of evangelical truth, the honor of being God's child, the joy of living in the Church."

Let youth's example of courageous virtue make Christ better known and loved in the hearts of millions throughout the world.

May this Holy Year be more greatly sanctified by the daily pure and modest — saintly — living of a Christlike youth.

## Підстави Ідеальної Організації

Всякі товариські та міжнародні відносини стало шукають за новими формами організаційного життя. І наше товариство — Українське Католицьке Юнацтво — це є виразне зусилля винайти цю нову форму, що має зробити тріvkими дружні відносини між українською католицькою молоддю.

Ця нова форма організаційного життя не сміє бути тільки простою збіркою поодиноких осіб, ані якимсь тільки підприємством, ані модним тепер комітетом. Ця нова форма має бути щось таке, від чого віє любов, а не ненависть і боротьба, природність, а не вимушена штучність, ширість, а не упередження й удавання, всечинний дух і діло, а не інертність матерії та застій.

Щоб наша організація була така, вона мусить опертись на трьох підставах, що ними є: дух, свобода, любов.

**ДУХ** — це невидимо ідеальна істота, в яку вірять і яку живо відчувають поодинокі члени організації, а вона сама в них ділає, єднає та провадить всіх до спільної мети. В нашій організації — це дух релігійний, дух католицизму, що представляє собою незвичайно значну, стійну, точно обмежену і ясну правду. Цей католицизм захоплює цілу людину, тому він надає членам та їхній організації потрібну внутрішність та серйозність. Цього духа удержується та присвоюється плеканням і поглиблюванням католицького світогляду і практикуванням його засад в житті.

Другою основою організації є **СВОБОДА**. Свобода духа, а не матерії. Дух є свободний, коли йому не то що нічого не бракує, але коли він має в собі силу поконати отяжілість, що кругом нього панує; коли він все може йти вперед, злітати вгору, творити. Чим більше людина свободна духом, тим вищий її шлях, тим вона активніша, тим багатша в плоди. Вона тоді робить і підпомагає добро, де тільки може.

Третьою основою організації є **ЛЮБОВ**. Не любов, що вяжеться певними різницями й прикметами роду, пола, нації, стану, освіти, але любов, що є промінем Божої відвічної любови. Це є любов надземська, надприродна. Вона є там, де нема поділу на роди, на бідних і багатих, на красивих і поганих. Ця любов творить і підтримує все, що збирається разом, організується.

Жадна організація, котрій бракує навіть й одної з цих трьох основ, не може мати успіху.

Тому ці три вимоги — дух, свобода і любов — повинні опанувати кожного члена нашої організації і всі її відділи. Тільки на таких членів і таку організацію можна покладати надію.

Цього рода організація є щось велике, високе, вдатне. Тільки такою повинна бути і наша організація — Українське Католицьке Юнацтво.



# GLEANER'S GLOSS

*By Father Joe*

Holland to many Canadians is the country of dikes, tulips, windmills, diamonds, wooden shoes, and round cheeses. Tiny Culemborg on the Rhine, where there is a Ukrainian seminary, boasted only one windmill, a good number of wooden shoes, and the stores seemed well stocked with flat cheeses. Not all the people, but many men and young boys wore these large, yellow, boat-like wooden shoes, and "clomped" over the hard cobbled roads obviously unconcerned with my staring or with the more aesthetical "tramp - tramp" of their leathern shod brethren beside them.

Dutch courtesy and cleanliness is impressive. When leaving Utrecht at night for Germany, we found that at the station they could not accept our currency or travellers' cheques for railway fare. The train was leaving in a few minutes, and the banks were closed hours ago. A young Dutch girl who spoke English very well at the information bureau, seeing our predicament asked:

"Are you Canadian?"

"Yes," I replied.

Then without hesitation, conditions, or restrictions laid she said:

"Then I'll loan you the money."

Fortunately we had enough Dutch "guldens" to buy tickets to Zevenaar on the German border where, we were informed, an exchange office would be open, and so making it possible for us to decline her generous offer. There was now little time to lose, and we did not know which of the many trains at the large depot was to take us to Zevenaar. The young girl, again on her own initiative, ran quickly from behind her desk, led us down through a maze of platforms to the correct embarkation point. Thanking her for her kindness and service, I turned to offer a small gift of money as a

token of appreciation. She refused, and said almost bluntly; "I don't want it." This whole incident will always remain in my mind as a magnificent gesture of Dutch hospitality to strangers at its doors. Ever since I have had a warm spot in my heart for Holland and its people.

Though I had seen bomb ruins in Liverpool and London, it was in Germany that the terrific and devastating effects of bombing raids really startled me. As we passed through Koln (Cologne) at night, we peered through the darkened train windows and gazed street after street on the bleak, black, lonesome outlines of buildings that were now only symbols of world hate. In Munich and Ulm I was to see much more. The beautiful cathedrals of Munich and Ulm though damaged to some extent, still arched their spires boldly to the sky while around them stood the shells of once proud and massive structures victims of bombs meant for the cathedrals.

An hour's journey from Ulm lay Dillingen, a mediaeval German town where there was a camp for the Ukrainian DPs. Though most of the trains in Holland and Germany were unusually shabby even on the main lines, the coaches of the electric train which took us from Ulm to Dillingen, were almost primitive. They were small, dirty, four-wheeled carriages containing a series of compartments furnished with rough wooden seats. Each compartment could be entered by a door on either side of the coach and were joined by a common corridor which ran through the length of the car. Somewhere in the centre of the coach was a common toilet for both men and women which reeked appallingly. But it was the only way to get to Dillingen. Later I learned that the beautiful coaches of which Germany and Holland once

boasted, were reserved by Hitler for the transportation of his armies during the war, but now that most of these were destroyed, German travellers were forced to be content with these "Toonerville" remnants that remained.

The great city of Munich was one of the most severely bombed cities in Germany. This was Hitler's home town. Here he was born, and here he cast the first seeds of the organizational forces which eventually made him Germany's dictator. Badly as it appears, Munich today is a thriving and busy city compared to the Munich of only two years ago. The bomb damage was so great that the rocks, bricks, plaster, stones and fallen walls prevented any movement of traffic. Today the streets are cleared, and the bricks, plaster, stones, and iron framework are piled orderly on the sites of the damaged buildings. Many have been restored by the almost feverish zeal of the Germans who are as busily at work in the restoration of their cities as bees at a damaged hive. Yet Germany is poor. Its people have a tremendous task before them. Within the last year almost all types of goods have been available, but prices are high. For example, an American dollar can be exchanged for about 4.19 marks. Cigarettes cost from 2.5 to 3.5 marks. Chocolate bars sell for about half a mark. The people on the streets are shabbily dressed, beggars on the streets ask for alms, and it is evident that this once proud nation has been deeply hurt and humbled.

About 10 miles from Munich is the notorious German concentration camp — Dachau, which is now used in part as an American military prison. Today Dachau stands as a monument of shame and sorrow for here 268,000 prisoners of war held by the Germans were killed, butchered, hanged, or gassed and cremated in the horrible stoves which still

stand for inspection. We examined one huge gas chamber and several smaller ones. Over the door of the large gas room was written the innocent German word "Brausenbad" (Showerbath). To avoid fuss and trouble, the prisoners were promised better jobs at other camps, but all were required to take a bath before undertaking the proposed journey. They were required to strip before entering the "bath" room. Once this lethal chamber was packed with its unsuspecting victims, the doors were bolted and the gas turned on from openings built into the ceiling, floor and walls. The bodies were then taken to the adjoining room with its horrible stoves. In many instances the gas was not fully effective and living bodies were thrown into the flames. Outside a very deep pit about 20 feet square, formed a common grave for thousands and thousands of bodies. When the American liberating forces first came upon the scene, many of the bodies were still moving. Today on the site of this infernal house of death not far from the gallows' plot, stands a simple altar where Masses are said for the souls that died there.

On the road to Italy, we passed through Bavaria and the lovely province of Tyrol in Austria. There we had our first glimpse of the Alps, and there one could see rugged monasteries, castles and powerful fortresses of old perched on the green mountain tops. As the train whizzed by these picturebook landscapes my thoughts turned to the days of the crusades, to the times of chivalrous knights and armies which once probably stormed these very castles. Before long we were high in the snowy Brenner Pass, and when the train again rolled to a stop, a shrill Italian voice beneath our windows was letting the world know that it had refreshments to sell: "Vini — Frutti — Cioccolatti — Biscotti —."



## Random Rambling Around Sudbury

We don't like to hear people brag about themselves. It's even worse when you go around bragging about yourself. It seems that the U. C. Y. are living very close to that proverb. As you see, very few clubs tell others about their big moments.

That suits us fine here in Sudbury. We'll do enough bragging for all of you.

Actually, we don't like to brag. Least of all about ourselves. But we can't keep from asking how many of you hear the radio broadcast on Christmas Day from St. Mary's?

From what we hear, Father Dzurman was successful enough to have this parish twice on C. B. C. hook-up and twice on our local "CKSO" Northern Ontario high power station. (This is a commercial plug, too). One was a two-hour broadcast of the Midnight Mass.

Talking about commercial plugs, there is talk that we are to have a big rally for the youth of Northern Ontario in June at "Villa Maria." Of course, we would warmly welcome anybody from Southern or Western Ontario, or extreme Eastern Canada for that week-end. Should anybody from Western Canada be able to come up to show our appreciation, we'd have our cowboy sing for them a few Western ballads.

Father Dzurman didn't tell me what's on the program, but for the courageous ones, we could promise them a joy rush down Burwash, with one of our experts at the controls, a trip to the big city of Gatchell to see the slag dump, and a quick glimpse into Cassio.

With Father Dzurman around, we always have to break a record. (I don't mean a gramophone record. Yeh! we break quite a few of those, too). On Christmas Day the carollers carried out the tradition of carolling in every home and scraped a record-

breaking sum of \$283.65 for the re-modelling of the parish hall.

All the carollers deserve high praise. Especially Tony Huska, the president, Beatrice Smith, the secretary, and Helen Marynuk, who caroled for three days which were very cold.

We also had a few outstanding visitors in Sudbury. Among them was Donna Gresco with her violin, Peter Boyan Bolechiwsky, the great singer, Very Rev. B. G. Shumay, S.T.D., P.P. of Toronto and Rev. B. P. of St. Catherine, who

with ideas, but lately they planned another big dance. In fact, they came over and sold us the tickets. Two minutes before we left to invade Coniston, we received a long distance call that the whole thing was can-

celled. We're even now. Is there a nice way to ask for refunds?

In spite of the heavy snow-storm, we still think it was a put up job.

And in conclusion may I say: Be honest; play fair; work hard; help others; love your friends and foes; feed the hungry; clothe the naked; visit the sick; convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; comfort the sorrowful; forgive injuries, and God will take a liking to you.

Myros Kmita.



#### МИРНАМ, АЛБЕРТА

Дня 20-го жовтня, Всч. о. Е. Мельничук довершив акту вінчання п. Петра Місків з Стефкою Хміляр в Мирнам.

Еони обої були активними членами місцевого відділу У. К. Ю.

У. К. Ю. бажає їм щасливого подружжого життя на многі літа.

Ми маємо надію, що вони і на будуче не забудуть про свою церковну нарохю і там будуть працювати для єї добра.

"Well, Johnny, how did you get along in school today?"

"Okay, mother, but that new teacher is always asking us some foolish questions. Today she asked everybody where they were born?"

"Well, you certainly knew the answer to that — the Woman's Hospital."

"Betcha life I knew. But I didn't want the whole class to think I was a sissy. I said the Yankee Stadium."

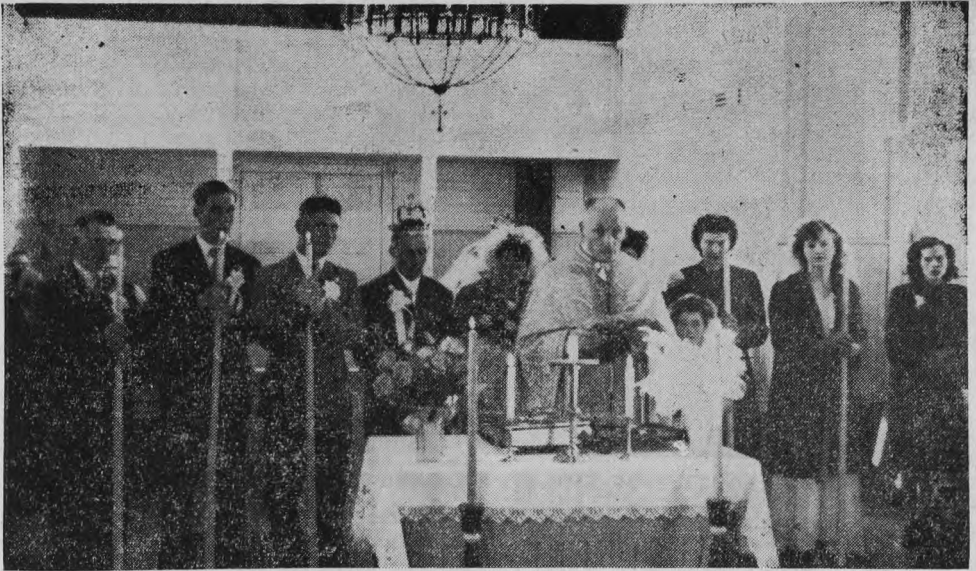
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She: "Why not kiss me on the back of my neck like you used to?"

He: "Why don't you wash it like you used to?"

Alta., married last fall. Both were outstanding members of the local U. C. Y. Club for several years. The bride is former Jennie Faryna of Holden. On the occasion of their wedding, the young couple donated \$5.00 to the Youth press fund.





Дня 5-го листопада Всч. о. Е. Мельничук довершив акту вінчання п. Стефана Василиці з Марією Кіт в Церкві Успенія Матері Божої в Мирнам, Алберта. Вони були активними членами місцевого відділу У.К.Ю. і щиро працювали для згаданої парохії. Товариство У.К.Ю. бажає їм щасливого подружжого життя на многі літа.

## Spiritual "Beauty Hints"

**For Wrinkled Brows** — Try the well-known cream SWEETNESS OF TEMPER. It tones up the facial muscles, reduces wrinkles and is very uplifting.

**For the Lips** — Use the marvelous lipstick, SILENCE. It is particularly good for lips that have been distorted by uncharitable gossip.

**For Lovely Hands** — There's really only one preparation to use. It is called GENEROSITY. Get a large-sized jar.

**For Facial Tone** — Expose the face to the morning air, especially between six and eight o'clock. The air at MASS is particularly refreshing and uplifting.

**For Clear Eyes** — Faithful care with tried and true protective preparation, MODESTY. For best results we recommend that you carry it wherever you go.

**An Ideal Conditioner and Beautifier** — HOLY COMMUNION.

**A Wonderful Cleansing Agent** — CONFESSION.

— From "The Word of God."



#### NEW EXECUTIVE OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH, TRANSCONA

Back row (left to right): Michael Kishinski, Financial Secretary; Paul Ewasko, President; Fred Kuzyk, Vice-President.

Centre Row: Iris Krupp, Treasurer; Julia Burdeyny, Secretary; Frances Chomishen, Delegate; Nada Boyko, Controller.

Front Row: Vera Boyko, 5th Member; Mary Popowich, Delegate; Kay Kuzyk, Editor; Mary Mulyk, Controller.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Kay Kuzyk

On October 1st, 1949, Miss Kay Sawchuk, Transcona, became the lovely bride of Mr.

Frederick Theodore Kuzyk, Poplar Point, Manitoba. Rev. D. Shewchuk and Rev. P. Romanyshyn officiated.

Kay is an active member of the Youth Club and Choir and now Fred too has joined the ranks of the Club as our Vice-President and sings in the choir also.

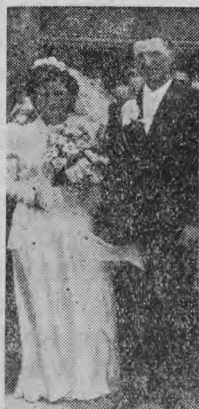
We extend to Kay and Fred our very best wishes for their future happiness and may they continue their good work in our parish for the glory of God.

— M. P.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Mary Matvichuk of St. Michael, Alta.

Mrs. Matvichuk, formerly Mary Patrick, comes from Peno and was an active member of Star-Peno U.C.Y. and also a subscriber to "Youth" magazine. They were married in their Star parish church by Rev. Father Chohey.

The U.C.Y. of Star-Peno wish the young couple a very happy and prosperous life and a sincere "mnohaya lita."





# Things Worthwhile Knowing

## Japanese girl receives Rosary from Bing Crosby

Clara Shigematsu, popular student at the Sacred Heart School, Greenwood, received a letter from Bing Crosby congratulating her as one of the winners in the Family Rosary Crusade Poster contest. Sending her a Rosary, Bing said: "When you say the Rosary, don't forget a little prayer for me sometime. I'll appreciate that."

## 104,000 books to war-stricken countries

The Catholic Library Association gathered a total of 104,000 books in 1949 and sent them to educational and other institutions in war-stricken countries overseas.

## Pupils save \$80,000.00

Two months ago the Montreal Catholic School Commission inaugurated a penny saving plan for the pupils of their 241 schools. To date the pupils have saved \$80,000.00.

## Cardinal Mindszenty sleeps on floor to

expiate sins of his enemies

To expiate the sins of his enemies, the imprisoned Primate of Hungary sleeps on the bare floor of his prison cell. Several months ago, when his 80-year-old mother was allowed to visit him, the Cardinal asked: "Do parents and their children pray for me?" "Millions of souls pray for you every day," replied his mother. "Tell them then, Mother, to pray not for me, but for my intentions." Truly the words of a Martyr.

## Tito's Reds killed 300,000 Catholics in five years

More than 300,000 men, women and children and 500 priests were starved to death or executed in less than five years by Tito's communists in Yugoslavia. In May of 1945, in Maribor, Slovenia, 80,000 persons were reported to have been forced to dig their graves and then were machine-gunned by the Reds.

## Greek Catholic priest is victim

A Greek Catholic priest in Rumania, was the victim of a horrible sacrilege by the Reds. He was repeatedly tortured for refusing to renounce the Catholic faith and join the schismatic Orthodox Church. Tiring of torture, his communist jailers robed him in sacred vestments stolen from a nearby church, and then forced him — amid coarse jibes and jeers — to be the centre figure in a sacrilegious parody on the Mass. In

the process of "persuading" the priest to give up his faith, he had on eight occasions been beaten so severely on the soles of his feet that he could neither walk nor stand. When he fainted, he was repeatedly pulled up by the hair.

## 1949 Catholic book statistics

The number of Catholic books published in 1949 was 606, compared with the 718 Catholic books published in 1948.

## Engaged couples consecrate themselves

Over 400 engaged couples from Three Rivers and district, consecrated themselves to the Queen of the Holy Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. Their engagement rings were then blessed.

## Carries Cross to Rome

Michael Cappuccilli, 30-year-old Italian farmer, arrived at St. Peter's Basilica staggering under the weight of a large wooden cross which he had carried on a 38-mile pilgrimage from his home village. He presented the cross, which he made, to mark the Roman Catholic Holy Year, to the Basilica custodians.

## Convert says Rosary before execution

A 25-year-old convert, R. H. Simmons of Harrisburg, Pa., spent the last morning of his life saying the Rosary before being executed for the murder of a farmer in 1947. Simmons was converted to the faith while in prison. He walked to his death calmly, accompanied by a priest.

## Stalin hailed as "Saviour" and "God"

The Communist puppet government of Albania, named Stalin a "God" and "Saviour" and voted to erect a statue of "the diety, Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin." Czechoslovakia's Communist regime renamed the country's highest mountain for Stalin. The same was done by Bulgaria. It is also reported that Stalin's face and bust have been carved into 38 of the highest mountains in Central Asia by climbers who have been working at it since 1937. Among the titles attributed to Stalin on his 70th birthday by Communist puppet leaders are: Creator, Liberator, Conqueror of Ignorance, Inspirer of Creation, Teacher of the People, Father of the Workers of the World, Colossus, Conqueror of Illiteracy, and Coryphaeus of Science.

# SOCIAL WHIRL

## ROSSDALE, MAN.

The Rosssdale U.C.Y. held a wiener roast on Sunday, July 3rd, 1949. Everybody present enjoyed themselves immensely.

On December 18th, the annual meeting was held. The following officers were elected: Margaret Cheslock, president; John Kizlyk, vice-president; Valerie Luchko, secretary; Jerry Woloshyn, treasurer; Sally Federowich, secretary-treasurer; Pearl Luchko, fifth member; Harry Boss and Pearl Luchko, controllers.

During Christmas the members went caroling. Although we encountered deep snow and vicious dogs, everyone retired completely satisfied with the events of the season.

The proceeds from caroling will be used to buy a gift for the parish church.

We, the Rosssdale U.C.Y. members, extend to our fellow members across Canada a wish for a much more prosperous year than the last.

Valerie Luchko, Secretary.

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## ROUND HILL, ALTA.

### Hold Surprise Party

On December 11th, a farewell party was held in honor of our parish priest, Rev. E. Bilyk, who has left our parish to carry on in other fields.

At the same time we welcomed our new parish priest Rev. D. Dzigolyk. As both priests entered the hall, they were welcomed by a loud applause.

A delicious supper was served by the parish ladies. A gift from the parish was presented by Mr. P. Wasylyshyn.

Not forgetting about the "Youth," Anne Ross and Mary Kozak went on a collection which brought \$5.25.

We all wish Father Bilyk much success in his new parishes and to Father Dzigolyk a warm welcome to our parish.

Anne and Mary.

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## SASKATOON U.C.Y. REPORTS

On the first day of January, 1950, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Saskatoon, held their regular monthly meeting in the parish hall of St. George. Mr. Michael Homeniuk, president of the club, asked Rev. Father Pelech, the parish priest, to open the meeting with a prayer. Then Father Pelech was asked to introduce the guest speaker, Rev. Father Nicholas Budz, who recently arrived

to Canada as a displaced person from a German concentration camp.

Rev. Father Budz described some of the activities of the Youth in Concentration Camps and also urged us to take advantage of the facilities the Canadian Youth has. Father Budz also spoke of sports the Youth paper, and the spiritual life of young men and women in these camps.

Regarding spiritual obligations, the Youth is deeply religious and punctual in attending Holy Masses. Therefore, the Canadian Youth should take advantage of the opportunities and freedom they have in this country and follow in the footsteps of the Youth of Europe in upholding the traditions and faith of their forefathers.

In order to fulfill their obligations, the U.C.Y. members volunteered to go caroling for St. George's Greek Catholic Church.

Other plans of activities discussed at the meeting were to form a bowling league, hold tobagganing and skating parties, dances, whist drives, educational discussion periods, and most important of all, that all members will participate in a Retreat during the Lenten Season, followed by a Communion Breakfast.

Following the meeting, games of ping-pong, checkers, and cards were enjoyed by everyone present.

Elsie Cherneski, Reporter.

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## MUNDARE, ALBERTA

The Mundare U.C.Y. whose membership now numbers over 80, has been very active thus far. Here are a few of the highlights:

On Friday, December 16th, a Ukrainian concert, sponsored by the club, was held and proved to be a real crowd-pleaser. It had been planned to present this concert at Chipman and Borschiw but due to extreme weather conditions, it had to be cancelled.

On December 18th, about 100 people attended Communion Breakfast that was prepared by the U.C.W.L. Of these 70 were members.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays, all the U.C.Y. members after being divided into groups, caroled throughout the town and in the country as well. This proved very successful as \$215.00 was added to the club's fund.

One of the outstanding presentations of the year shall be a Ukrainian Drama Festival to be staged in March. This drama shall be a tribute to 1950 which has been proclaimed a Holy Year. Extensive make-up and costuming will be one of the features of the three-play drama.

May has been set as the month for the U. C. Y. Carnival. Three boys and three girls shall compete for kings and queens.

After every meeting, which are held once every two weeks, the members take part in choral singing, sports, dancing or whatever they choose. Usually a lunch is also served. The different sports are a badminton court, two table tennis sets, boxing, cards, checkers, etc. The Ukrainian National Hall is open three nights a week to any of the U. C. Y. members who wish to participate in any of these sports.

Ed. Bilyk, Press Corresp.

### TRANSCONA NEWS

It has been a long time since any news from Transcona has been published, but it does not mean that we have been idle. On the contrary! It means that we have been too busy to write. I'll now try and give you a brief summary of our activities since you last heard from us.

The construction of the new parish hall was begun last summer and young and old have been donating their spare time to help complete it. The hall when completed shall be the largest and most modern in this town — something that we can all be proud of. Although it is not quite completed, it was first used for a public function in November when the church celebrated its patron Saint, St. Michael. After the services in church over three hundred people attended. It brought tears to one's eyes when one stopped to reminisce. A few years back our old Parish Hall (which was about one-third the size of this one) was completely destroyed by fire, including all the furnishings such as library, amplifier, dishes, etc. Since then it has been tough going. Meetings, choir practices, social functions, all had to be held at parishioners' homes. And now we have this beautiful and modern hall which is the envy of all other nationalities in the town.

Last fall the club held a bazaar and popularity contest. Two members, Miss Iris Krupp and Wally Sawchuk, tried for the honours and just by a little majority Miss Iris Krupp was crowned queen at a tea held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sawchuk. Both members are to be congratulated for their very hard work. In appreciation of this, Miss Iris Krupp was presented with a set of twin bedroom lamps and Wally Sawchuk received a Ronson lighter.

Members of the choir are to be congratulated for their wonderful job in carolling this year. Donning their heavy winter coats, pulling down their caps over their ears, they braved the thirty below zero weather and went carolling. They collected over \$400.00 which was more than half the total sum

collected by the whole parish. Of course this all went towards the completion of the new hall.

The annual meeting of the club was held in December. The financial standing read by the treasurer, was very good. The new executive are as follows:

President — Paul Ewasko  
Vice-President — Fred Kuzyk  
Secretary — Julia Burdeyny  
Financial Secretary — Michael Kishinski  
Treasurer — Iris Krupp  
Fifth Member — Vera Boyko  
Editor — Kay Kuzyk  
Librarian — Louis Werbicki  
Delegates — Mary Popowich and Frances Chomishen  
Controllers — Mary Mulyk and Nadia Boyko.

We wish the new executive every success in the coming year.

### ЛЕМОНТ. АЛБЕРТА

### ЛЕМОНТ, АЛБЕРТА

По довший перерві місцевий Відділ УКЮ започаткував у грудні 1949 р. свої правильні сходи, на яких парохіяльний провідник Всч. о. В. Чопей виголосив реферати: "Біра наших предків" і "Котра з існуючих церков на світі правдива?" Одночасно о. парох приобіцяв з весною давати лекції з релігій й українознавства, бо недостача власної домівки спиняє тепер працю. Сходи відбуваються в домі п. М. Старка, що в своїй доброті без найменшої винагороди відступає кімнату для УКЮ.

Праця над молоддю є конечна, бо через індиферентну школу та злу лектуру грозить втрата своєї віри і своєї народности. Нововибрана Управа Відділу УКЮ під проводом голови Теодора Гринєва дає заповірю, що праця піде вперед і принесе гарні успіхи. В першій імпрезі (забава з танцями), улаштованій новою управою 11. 2., взяли участь не тільки місцеві члени, але також запрошені члени сусідніх УКЮ. Забава проходила спокійно, не чути було вигуків і криків, бо життєрадісна молодь не шаліла, а забавлялася пристойно. Раділи серця старших, що сиділи й придивлялися, як їх діти гарно бавляться. Одночасно робили вони порівняння між забавою, влаштованою УКЮ та забавою, влаштованою тою молоддю, що стоїть осторонь цієї корисної організації. Батьки, бачучи ту різницю, перешіптувалися між собою: "Тішуся, що моє"



дитина належить до УКЮ, бо аж любо дивитися, як ця наша молодь бавиться. Видно, що ця організація дає здорову духову поживу та вищіплює в серця молоді любов до добра і краси."

По 11-й годині членкині УКЮ з Лемонту подали смачну перекуску для всіх приїзних. В часі цього скромного прийняття голова Теодор Гринів покликав о. пароха до голосу, який привітав сердечно всіх гостей зіпді стягу УКЮ та висловив свою радість з приводу культурного й гідного поведення молоді в часі забави, а зокрема з приводу кооперації сусідніх відділів УКЮ. При кінці о. парох порівняв члена УКЮ з мандрівником, що спинається по високих горах та споглядає на хмари під собою і на землю, повну бруду. А тут на горах віддиhaє мандрівник свіжим і чистим повітрям та, купаючи своє чоло в ясному світлі сонця, подивляє красу й велич природи. Подібно й член УКЮ у своїй організації завдяки релігійно-національному вихованню підноситься до духовних вершин понад всяку гниль і зло, що заливають сьогоднішній світ. В організації УКЮ черпає молодь свіжу силу та здоровий, духовий напйток з джерела "води живої."

Відтак покликані до голосу промовляли по черзі: Евстахій Скублений, голова УКЮ зі Стар, Віргінія Шевчук, голова УКЮ з Чипмен та Михайло Онушко, заст. голови УКЮ зі Скарро. Вкінці Теодор Гринів подякував усім учасникам забави та запросив своїх сусідів-побратимів УКЮ до дальшої спільної праці.

Ініціаторам та управі Відділу УКЮ належить признання за імпрезу, що дала нагоду приїзним членам забавитися та обмінятися взаємно думками. Всі вдоволені розходилися та прощалися: "До побачення при найближчій зустрічі всіх сусідніх УКЮ."

В. Ч.

## LAUGH WITH US

"I hear he married her because her uncle left her half a million dollars."

"That's a lie. He'd have married her no matter who left it to her."

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"When I arose to speak," related a martyred statesman, "someone hurled a base,

cowardly egg at me and it struck me in the chest."

"And what kind of an egg might that be?" asked a fresh young man.

"A base, cowardly egg," explained the statesman, "is one that hits you and then runs."

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When a woman's toes sticks out of her shoes; she's fashionable.

When a man's toe sticks out, he's a bum.

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Marriage: An institution that teaches a man thrift, regularity, and many other virtues he wouldn't need if he stayed single.

Bore: One who would rather change his friend than his subject.

Thrift: A wonderful virtue, especially in ancestors.

Diplomat: He who convinces his wife that a woman looks stout in a fur coat.

Poll: Where you stand in line for a chance to decide who will spend your money.

Motorist: One who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

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Can the human voice change? If you have any doubts, listen to a woman scolding her husband — and then answer the phone.

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John: "Running after women never hurt anybody."

Jim: "No. It's catching them that des the damage."

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Nervous Suitor: "Sir, er — that is, I would like to er — that is, I have been going with your daughter for five years."

Father: "Well, what do you want — a pension?"

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1st Mosquito: "Why are you making such a fuss?"

2nd Mosquito: "Whoopee! I passed the screen test."

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Last Christmas a man in Tulsa received a gaily wrapped flat envelope from his wife. Inside was a gift certificate. He read it, and read it again. Then he nearly fell over backwards. The card said: "Gift certificate — to be delivered on or about August 24th — a baby boy or girl." — The Reader's Digest.

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"Oh, Mummy!" cried little Betty, aged four, as she came in from her first bus ride during the war years in England, "there were so many soldiers on the bus, there was no room for the human beings."

Наталя Королева.

## Драхма

(Біблійне оповідання)

— Так, друже мій! Як помолишся в цьому храмі Соломоновім, то душа наповниться світлом небесним, а милосердя херувимськими крилами підносить серце понад землею. — Фарисей Йора рухом руки попрощався з приятелем своїм Йосією й почав роздавати альмужну жебракам і калікам, що довгим шиком стояли під храмовою стіною. Не поспішаючи, набірав він у жменю з гаманця дрібні монетки, а, роздавши витягнені, щоразу трусив капшуком, щоб пересвідчитись, що він ще не порожній.

При кожному такому дзеленччані прохожі оглядались на фарисея, жебраки ж виспівували йому хвалу й випрошували благословіння. А він ішов помалу, не підносячи очей, з лагідним виразом обличчя, маючи в душі, здавалося, тільки саму хвалу Божу, а перед очима та в серці — тільки саме милосердя. Грішного світу з його гамором та рухом він не помічав, не чув, не бачив. А тому й, не затримуючись, пройшов без зацікавлення поуз чималого гурту людей, в осередку якого, стоячи біля фільософічно-спокійного ослика, на повну пашеку вигукував вщерть зденервований осляр:

— Що я знаю? Я щось знаю? І навіщо мені щось знати?.. Я тільки хочу, щоб мені заплатили за мою чесну працю. А хто тепер мені заплатить? Хто?

І, жестикулюючи, як малпа перед самим обличчям купця, що під святинею продавав офірні голуби для багатших та зголоднілі горобці для вбогих, не знає, в який раз, повторював своє розпучливе запитання.

Дві заможного вигляду жінки підійшли до гуртка й осляр відразу перевів на них свою увагу:

— Може ці зацні пані її бачили? Оту чужу жінку, що він сюди привіз. Вона ж таки пійшла просто-

простісенько до храму. Пішла по цих сходах! Ці пані могли її бачити в жіночому переділі!... Це ж вона була та, що попрохала його, Ішохая, сина Шимрії, осляра з-під вежі Антонії, щоб він доглянув дитину. Дитина є! Ось вона, ось!...

Осляр розштовхав людей коло себе й вказав на дівчинку, що мала років з п'ять. Вона затулила личко руками й втомлено хлипала.

— Дитина є! — все гукав Ішохая. — А чужої жінки немає! Немає та кож і платні, що Ішохая чесно заробив!

Чоловіки розпитувались подробиць, жіноцтво розглядало дівчатко, намагаючись довідатись її наймення.

— Ну, то най ця дитина сама шукає свою матір! — Прийшов до остаточного висновку осляр, не знайшовши охочого платити за невідому жінку. — Що я маю втрачати й далі свій заробіток? Чи може я повинен бути ховою чужим дітям. З яких радощів? — і не оглянувшись на дівчинку, Ішохая оперезав бичем свого ослика й вийшов з ним з кола цікавих.

За ним відійшла й більшість тих, що стояли в гурті. Лишилось кілька душ.

— Може б узяти її на час, поки знайдеться мати? — промовила молода жінка до старшої, котру підтримувала під локіть.

— Але, що ти говориш, доню! У тебе ж своїх п'ятеро! Ходім.

Пішли, зідхаючи над нинішньою долею й твердими серцями жіноцтва.

Поклавши прикрашену перстнями руку на голівку дитини, сумним поглядом огорнула її багата вдова Рахиль, небіжка перво-священника. Трьох синів поховала вона й наповнювала своє життя лише ділами милосердя та молитвами. Погладдила мокре личко дівчинки й мовчки по-

клала їй за пазуху маленький гаманець. Хотіла щось промовити, але, побачивши, що вулицею йде веселого життя "розвідка Маріям". Рахиль за-слонила завоєм обличчя й відійшла.

Площа спорожніла. Лишився тільки купець офірних горобців та довгоноса Сара, що продавала муку і сіль на менчі офіри. Несміливо з-поза рамен Сари виглядала вбога вдова Діна, поденщиця з винниць. Була така вбога й така нещаслива в життю, що ледви щось розпочинала, ледви до чого доторкалась — все їй враз розпадалось і сходило на нівель. Сусідки склали прислів'я:

— "Не ведеться, як Діні", або: — "Нещаслива, як та Діна."

Не стара, але така зів'яла, що не можна було вгадати, чи їй двадцять п'ять, чи їй повних сорок літ. Діна журливим поглядом дивилась, як один по одному всі цікаві відходять від бідної дівчинки. Але, що гурток рідшав, то більше набірала сміливості Діна. Нарешті, вона зробила крок, ще другий, цілком висунулась з-поза Сари й, схилившись над дівчинкою, обняла її й притисла до грудей.

— За одежею, Діно! — гукнув їй храмовий слуга, що дивився байдуже на всю подію, чекаючи, коли вийдуть люди з храму й він зможе його замкнути.

Поденщиця підвела голову.

— Кажу ж тобі: пані Рахиль поклала їй гаманець за одежину. Витягни, то щось і тобі припаде, як віддаси його в офіру храму на сиріт.

Обличчям робітниці сковзнула рожева хвиля. Трохи завагавшись, Діна взяла у дівчинки гаманець і, не заглянувши до нього, положила на поставець продавцеві голубів:

— Як що там вистарчить, то дай пару голубів на офіру, — й, звернувшись до храмового слуги, додала: — Віддай це на офіру очищення за дитину. Будь їй за матір, як що не знайдеться рідна.

Стара Сара піднесла руки вгору:

— Чи ж це видано? І хто таке бачив? Ти, божевільна Діно... тобі ж і самій нема що їсти!

А купець голубами, полічивши гроші, покрутив головою:

— Властиво, тут всього хіба що на півтора голубів. Може б ти, небого, взяла горобців? Ні?... Ну, то най вже буде щось і від мене, — й, сховавши капшучок, він передав храмовому слугі двійку найменчих голубят.

(далі буде)

## Friendship

By John Popyk

Gold, silver or any other form of currency is not the world's most valuable medium of exchange. The best and most universal medium is friendship.

What is friendship? Friendship is a strong and close bond between two human beings. Friends are ready to share their thoughts, their pleasures, often their resources. They help each other to get on in life. They are always happy to find them selves together. Friendship is not born of instinct — it is not a blood tie — it is founded neither on physical desire nor on interest. Two brothers can be friends; yet it is not because they are brothers that they are friends. Rather, it would be because they have the same tastes, the same ideas, and because their common business life taught them to like each other. True friendship is lasting because no good man gives up a friend on account of a mistake or even a serious fault.

Friendship never depreciates, and its standard of value is the same in every country. It is this friendship that the world of today is lacking.

Mighty efforts have been made by evil forces to exterminate friendship from the earth. Two world wars, while creating great destruction, have also planted the seeds of new friendships in far and isolated places of man's habitation.

Like electricity, friendship though unseen, is one of the dynamic forces of our universe, the reserve power of which has never been measured or exhausted.

One way by which man could determine and understand the value of friendship and his utter dependence upon it, would be for the world to declare a suspension of friendship for the 31 days of December, the month



in which it is most freely and universally expressed.

Try to imagine such a suspension of friendship. There could be no observance of Christmas Day, nor would the spirit of the occasion dominate the holiday season. Churches and charitable institutions would be closed. In the business world, not one firm or industry could survive and business would be at a standstill.

Chaos, such as the world has never known, would reign in all nations. Imagine what tragedy in the world would exist without friendship for a month, for a week, or even for a day.

Life is to be fortified with friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.

## LAUGH WITH US

There are many men who think their praying to God on Sunday allows them to prey on their fellow men the rest of the week.

Boom time: A period when everybody gets rich by charging one another too much.

The right temperature at home is maintained by warm hearts — not hot-heads.

Paul: "I was born in that red house over there."

George: "I was born in St. Mary's Hospital."

Paul: "Gracious! What was the matter with you? Were you sick?"

Little Joannie was walking in the yard with her father when an airplane roared overhead.

"Hear that noise, Joannie?" asked her father. "What is it?"

Joannie searched the skies, but failed to spot the plane.

"Daddy," she said, "there's only one thing it can be — it must be God using His vacuum cleaner."

We don't know exactly what weapons would most likely be used in World War III, but we may be sure that the only available weapons for World War IV would be rocks.

The judge had just awarded a divorce to a wife. "And," he said to the husband: "I have decided to give your wife \$50.00 a month."

"That's fine, judge," said the man, "and once in a while I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks myself."

Welder: "Doc, I get a bad pain when I bend over, put my hands below my knees, then straighten up and bring them above my waist."

Doctor: "Well, don't make those silly movements."

Welder: "How else can I get my trousers on?"

"You're divorcing your husband for absent-mindedness?"

"Yes. The other night while he was reading I kissed him on the bald spot and he said: 'Quit playing, honey, and get those letters typed'."

They say that a certain girl wanted to marry a sailor and rear admirals.

"Why should I always go to bed at a certain time?" complained a small boy. "I don't belong to any union."

Traffic: There are too many people in too many cars in too much of a hurry going in too many directions to nowhere for nothing. — Coastal.

"Where did I come from, Mother?" asked a small boy, just home from his first day at school.

The mother cleverly explained the story in a childish manner, giving examples of birds. She then curiously awaited his reaction.

"I just wondered," said the boy. "The boy just in front of me at school, comes from Tennessee."

One business partner to the other (on a fishing trip): "Gosh, we forgot to close the safe!"

"What's the difference? We're both here, ain't we?"

Every driver would readily give the woman driver half of the road if he only knew which half she wants.

All the seats in the bus were occupied when a heavy-set lady got on. She walked over toward the end, and stared at a young man, who was sitting down. The young chap looked up and said: "Lady, I would like to offer you this seat. But I will do you a greater favor by letting you stand and reduce." — Myros Kmita, Sudbury, Ont.

Two sailors were crossing the sea for the first time.

"That's the most water I ever saw in all my life. Did you ever see so much water before?"

"Boy," replied his partner. "You haven't seen anything yet — that is only the top of it."

One good head is better than a thousand strong hands.

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